

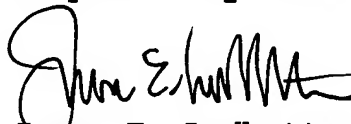
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 6-9 are allowed and claims 1-4, 10, and 11 are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the objections applied to claims 1-4, 10, and 11. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-4, 10, and 11 is warranted. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 have been amended for clarity. Claim 5 has been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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